is proposed to rebuild the facilities at SCL using this opportunity to the extent feasible to upgrade the technology level and a plan for this is under finalisation. SCL is expected to resume manufacture of LSI/VLSI chips through in-house diffusion in about 2 years after the project for rebuilding SCL is initiated.

**Withdrawal of Oxyphenbutazone and Phenylbutazone**

*120. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had informed the Kelkar Committee that Oxyphenbutazone and Phenylbutazone were very harmful drugs and were likely to be banned in the near future;

(b) if so, when and on what basis such comments were made;

(c) whether his Ministry is the final authority to allow marketing and withdrawal of drugs in the country;

(d) if so, by when these drugs are likely to be withdrawn; and

(e) the names of the countries where such drugs have been withdraw and the reasons for their withdrawal in those countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. However, State drug control administration can stop marketing and also order withdrawal in accordance with the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules.

d) and (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Statement**

The experts consulted have not recommended withdrawal of Oxyphenbutazone/Phenylbutazone as these are considered as drug of choice for certain musculo skeletal disorders such as ankylosing spondylitis and gouty arthrits. The use of these drugs have been restricted for these two indications.

Phenylbutazone is reported to be withdrawan in Norway, Jordan and United Arab Emirates.

Oxyphenbutazone has been withdrawn in Norway, Israel, U.K., United Arab Emirates, Finland, Jordan and Zimbabwe.

These drugs were reported to be withdrawn in some countries on the ground that their systematic use may cause bone marrow depression. However, both these drugs continue to be marketed for restricted indications in many other countries.

**Irration fixed dose combination of Tranquilizers with Vitamins**

649. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2128 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Tranquilizers and Vitamines are irrational;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to reconsider the marketing of these combinations based on rationality; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The question of rationality of fixed dose

combinations of Tranquilizers with Vitamins would be referred to experts for their opinion. Necessary action on the recommendations of experts, would be taken in consultation with the Drugs Technical Advisory Board, a statutory Board under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

It is not possible to anticipate the views of the experts, hence Government is not in a position to make any commitment.

**Participation of Civil Servants at investors party**

650. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Sunday Mail of January 15th—21st 1989 regarding presence of top Civil Servants at blacklisted industrialists/investors party;

(b) if so, whether participation in such parties is contrary to standing orders in this regard; and

(c) whether any disciplinary action has been initiated on such indiscipline and indiscretion by top Civil Servants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

**Manufacture of Boeing aircraft by HAL**

561. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have any proposal under their consideration for expansion of the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited to manufacture aircraft like Boeing 737 and 747 for the use of our airlines and also for international market;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) There are no proposals at present to expand Hindustan Aeronautics Limited for the manufacture of such aircraft.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) On techno-economic consideration, it has not been considered till now.

**Indian Scientific community's access to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration**

652. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States Government do not permit the Indian Scientific community to have access to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Database;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such restriction does not apply to Pakistan in any way;

(c) whether the University researchers (NRI Specialists) have freedom to present their work including computer software, in certain areas of basic research in conferences and symposia;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Indo-US Joint Scientific Committee on Aeronautics, which includes NRI specialists in the field, has not been able to find ways of access to the Aerospace Database; and

(e) if so, what steps the Government of India propose to take so that the U.S. permits the Indian Scientific community to have access to the NASA Database?